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hartford street zc news

Ten - Shinji Shobogenzo 301 Koan Stories book 2

One day Master Isan Reiyu asked his students to express the truth in their own words saying: *I would like to meet you in the area which is outside of sound and form.*

Acarya Kanko from Yushu was there. The Acarya said: *I do not refuse to do so but I wonder whether anyone would have the eyes to see what I said?*



Master Isan did not affirm these words.

Master Kyozan presented his expression of the truth a total of four times. First he said: *I look at what is impossible to look at.*

Master Isan said: *your expression is fine as powder and as cold as snow or frost.*

Master Kyozan then said a second time: *why should we need to meet someone outside of perception?*



public schedule

mondays

- * 7:00 am zazen
- * 7:40 am morning chanting service

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm evening chanting service

* last monday of each month, no morning schedule

Master Isan said: *You are sitting right in the sravaka's chair.*

Master Kyozan said for the third time it is like two mirrors reflecting each other but there is no image between the two mirrors.

Master Isan said: *these words are right, I agree with the words, but you cannot agree with the words because you have placed an image between the two mirrors.*

So master Kyozan asked Master Isan: *My spirit is dark and clouded, so my answers are not good. I wonder what words you use when you were studying under Master Hyakujo.*

Master Isan said: *when I was studying under my late master, Hyakujo, this is how I expressed it: when hundreds or thousands of bright mirrors reflect images light and images reflect each other, but at the same time, each minute molecule is totally independent and does not rely upon others.*

At these words, Kyozan then prostrated himself.

[Master Dogen's Shinji Shobogenzo - by Translator Gudo Nishijima](#)

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen
7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social *

** if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time*



upcoming events



dharma talks @10:15am, saturdays

hszc speakers

Myō Lahey - *2016* Jan 2, 16, 23 Feb 6, 13, 20...

Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock - Jan 30, 2016

guest speakers

* 2016 * **Kai Ji Jeffrey Schneider** - jan 9; **Shokan Jordan Thorn** - feb 27; **Anshi Daigi Zachary Smith** - mar 5; **Kogen Seido Jamie Howell** - apr 16; **Kyosho Valorie Beer** - may 28; **Anshi Daigi Zachary Smith** - jun 4; **Ko Shin Steven Tierney** - jul

2; Renshin Bunce - aug 6; Shokan Jordan Thorn - sept 24; Ko Shin Steven Tierney - dec 17;

full moon ceremony - the "long nights" or "cold" moon - december 19 @ 11am -

during this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. it is also sometimes called the Moon before Yule. the term Long Night Moon is a doubly appropriate name because the midwinter night is indeed long, and because the Moon is above the horizon for a long time. the midwinter full Moon has a high trajectory across the sky because it is opposite a low Sun.

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dōgen. see our website for details. So far all have been from the Dōgen Shōbōgenzo version compiled and translated by [Kazuaki Tanahashi](#).

new year's event into 2016! - join us as we ring in the new year and have a social celebration after kicking off at 7:30pm on Dec 31st and taking us into 12am Jan 1 2016!

There'll be some soji - traditional New Year's temple cleaning, a light snack , zazen (seated meditation), striking our large bell 108 times, a burning ceremony of things to leave behind in 2015, and finally a toast to the new year.

Please note: There won't be the regularly scheduled zendo hours on dec 31st. (We will additionally observe Chinese new year and goals set with a new Daruma, as we have been the past few years along with joss offerings to those beyond our visible realm for the year on the Chinese calendar for the year of the Monkey - February 6th)

half day retreats coming in 2016! - contact: hszc108@yahoo.com to register, we will begin to have half day retreats primarily aligned with full moon ceremony or other Buddhist holiday/events. 6am to 1pm, oryoki breakfast - current scheduled dates include:

- **feb 20, 2016**
- **apr 9, 2016**
- **jun 18, 2016**

closure & schedule changes -

last monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#) and;

december 24,25,26,27 - closed all day

december 31 - until new years event in the evening - up until 7:30pm

january 1 - closed all day - after about 1am-2am

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock, and **Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey** please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.



hszc winter light retreat 12 2015 participants during a break in schedule - Larry & Jim

words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

The future seems to approach, and the past to recede. But as Dogen pointed out, those are all just, what he called, "Being Time. Or Time Being." . . . To consider one without the other is an empty exercise. And if we don't have this established practice of actualizing whole body and mind, right now, then the way Dogen talks is going to remain somewhat puzzling at best.

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We miss you! We have been having perhaps a seasonal change & lower attendance the past few months and are a little 'light' on attendance as well as noting some faces we haven't seen in a little while, & wanted to remind you we are here to support your great effort and offer our experienced priests to help guide your physical posture, the events and difficulties in zazen at or outside hszc, and a community to support and build dharma friendships with! **We really hope to see you soon and want to be sure you know that for those who haven't been coming around as much**

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lately for various reasons and life commitments, your presence, support and friendship is missed and we hope to see you soon!

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Dear Friend of Hartford Street Zen Center,

Someone once asked our founder, Issan Dorsey, what it was we were doing in starting a Zen Center at Hartford Street. He replied, "We're establishing a Buddhist presence in the Castro." At that time, the early eighties, when someone said the Castro, it was immediately assumed that one was referring to the *LGBTQQI&A community. I'm sure that this was true in great part in Issan's statement, since he felt as a gay man a special ministry toward the gay community.

Nowadays, even though the Castro may still be predominantly *LGBTQQI&A, the demographic is shifting. In regards to Buddhism this is beside the point. The Buddha Way is open to all

who wish to explore this path that plumbs the depths of what it means to be truly human. So here at Hartford Street Zen Center we're still working on establishing a Buddhist presence in the Castro, still trying to create a place where we and our neighbors can find out what Buddhist practice means in our lives. We've been doing this for almost thirty-five years.

This endeavor only continues because of your ongoing [support](#), for which you will always have our gratitude. Over the years we have received both financial support and encouragement from people around the world. It warms my heart when I hear of the ways in which our effort has touched the lives of so many, particularly young LGBTQ people, who may be struggling with their place in their family or

community.

[Your support](#) not only assists us in maintaining a regular meditation schedule of morning and evening zazen, but also enables us to offer a weekly study hour as well as providing a meeting space for an HIV meditation group and three Meditation in Recovery groups. [Please consider making a donation or becoming a member](#) to help us continue to establish a Buddhist presence in the Castro.



In Peace,

Tanzen David Bullock, - President, Board of Directors - Hartford Street Zen Center

HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!

thursdays & fridays
10:30am zazen
11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
second weds of each month, 7:30pm

please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest - weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -

Abbot, hartford street zen center --
- Reverend Myō Lahey ---



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national, worldwide & other, holidays [here](#) (*warning* some are pretty silly)



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